(d) if so, the reasons for not promotion the Indian system of medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Against the combined allocation (Non-Plan and Plan) of Rs. 40.94 crores for the Deptt. of ISM&H for 1995-96, budget provision for 1996-97 is Rs. 44.19 crores.

(b) The amount provided to different systems during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Allopathic System	1212.58	1417.56	1696.27
Six Medical Systems	42.48	40.94	44.19

(c) No system of medicine including allopathy has a cure for all diseases.

(d) For overall development of Indian System of Medicine, a number of steps have been taken which include establishment of a separate Deptt. of Indian Systems of Medicine under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, setting up of Central Council of Indian Medicine to regulate education and practices, Central Councils for Research to promote research on scientific lines in these systems, establishment of Pharmacopoeial Committees, Pharmacopoeial Laboratory for drug standardisation and quality control, setting up of National Institutes and Centres of Excellence and starting schemes for providing financial assistance to strengthen U.G. and P.G. education and medicinal plants.

The Govt. has also identified priority areas for 9th Five year Plan, which includes setting up of ISM treatment facilities at block and district levels, starting specialised treatment centres, improvement in CGHS facilities, establishment of Vanaspati Udyan and germ plam banks for medicinal plants, development of agro-techniques, strengthening of Pharmacopoeial Laboratories and U.G. and P.G. education in the country.

[English]

Denial of Gold Card to Minister of Human Resource Development

4747. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Minister for Human Resource Development was denied the 'gold' card by the Atlanta Olympic Games Authority, to which he was entitled as a VIP;

(b) if so, whether the denial of such courtesy amounts to breach of protocol by the Atlanta Olymnic Games Authority; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) to (c) As per the procedures laid down by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) accreditation in G category can be given to the following Government dignitaries, upon receipt of an official request by the relevant National Olympic Committee.

Sovereign.

Head of State/Head of Government.

Minister of Sport for NOCs with participating athletes.

Ambassador to the U.S. when accompanying one of the above.

Government of India had requested the Indian Embassy in United States of America as also the Indian Olympic Association that the G Category status should be accorded to the Union Minister for Human Resource Development. It was also requested that efforts should be made to give G Category status to the Minister of State for Youh Affairs & Sports. ACOG, However, maintained their stand that only one Minister could be given "G" category status.

The Indian Delegation was to be led by the Union Minister of Human Resource Development and the Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports was one of the members of the delegation. However, the delegation went to Atlanta in two batches. The Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports arrived in Atlanta on 18th July, 1996. The second batch of the delegation which included the Union Minister for Human Resource Development arrived in Atlanta on 26th July, 1996.

As "Accompanying guest Card (Gi)" could not have been issued unless the main G Card was issued, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports who reached earlier was, given the G Card and Minister for Human Resource Development who reached later was given the Gi Card.

Bridge over Hoogly

4748. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a third bridge over the river Hoogly; and

(b) if so, the present status of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) The proposal is in the conceptual stage and it is too early to give any details.